

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic McCeney Farmhouse

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 700 McCeney Ave. not for publicationcity, town Silver Spring vicinity of congressional district 5thstate Maryland county Montgomery

## 3. Classification

| Category                             | Ownership                                   | Status                                       | Present Use                            |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district    | <input type="checkbox"/> public             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture   | <input type="checkbox"/> museum                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied          | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial    | <input type="checkbox"/> park                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure   | <input type="checkbox"/> both               | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress    | <input type="checkbox"/> educational   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site        | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                   | <b>Accessible</b>                            | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object      | <input type="checkbox"/> in process         | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted     | <input type="checkbox"/> government    | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific                   |
|                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered   | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted   | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation               |
|                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> not applicable     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no       | <input type="checkbox"/> military      | <input type="checkbox"/> other:                       |

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Philip R. Spraystreet & number 700 McCeney Ave. telephone no.:city, town Silver Spring state and zip code Md., 20903

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 5553street & number folio 127city, town Rockville state Md.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventorydate 1976 federal ☒ state ☒ county localdepository for survey records Park Historian's Officecity, town Rockville state Md.

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| 7. DESCRIPTION  |  |
|---|--|
| CONDITION   | (Check One)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
|   | (Check One)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered  |
|   | (Check One)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site  |
| DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE  |  |
| <p>This is a long, narrow farmhouse that faces north. The main (north) facade is of three bays with a central doorway. The door has transom and side-lights. Windows are 6/6, double-hung. The chimneys are of the flue-type and they are within the east and west end walls. The frame house is now covered with stucco. There is a one-story "farmer's porch" across the north.</p> |  |

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# 8. Significance

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| Period                               | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below   |   |   |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499   | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic    | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599   | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture            | <input type="checkbox"/> economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699   | <input type="checkbox"/> architecture           | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> social/         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799   | <input type="checkbox"/> art                    | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899   | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce               | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-       | <input type="checkbox"/> communications         | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation  |
|                                      |   | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

| Specific dates   | Builder/Architect |
|--|-------------------|
| check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D<br>and/or  |                   |
| Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G |                   |
| Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local   |                   |

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The McCeney farmhouse is significant as an example of rural vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The house is believed to have been built about 1858 by Henry McCeney. It was built on approximately 370 acres which McCeney purchased in April of 1858 from the Gaither family.<sup>2</sup> Henry ran a large farm here with his wife, Annie, and their children. When Henry died in March of 1864, the farm became the property of his widow who continued to run it.<sup>3</sup>

The farm remained in the McCeney family for many years. William H. McCeney, the son of Henry and Annie, lived here and ran a dairy farm. William also served in the Maryland General Assembly and on the Montgomery County School Board.<sup>4</sup> In 1938, William sold the farmhouse on about 54 acres to the R.E. Latimer Land Co. (who developed the property that now surrounds the old farmhouse).<sup>5</sup> Then in May of 1947, the R.E. Latimer Land Co. sold the house to Nathan and Corinne Poole who sold it a few months later to Paul and Myra Betters.<sup>6</sup> Then in July of 1980, Myra Betters sold the house to the present owner, Philip R. Spray.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The date given is based on the date that the property was purchased and the fact that it appears on the 1865 map.

<sup>2</sup>Deed JGH 6/532, Mont. Co. Land Records.

<sup>3</sup>Docket 4/128, Mont. Co. Register of Wills, 1880 census.

<sup>4</sup>Mont. Co. Historical Socceity Genealogy Files, 1953 article.

<sup>5</sup>Deed 691/153, Mont. Co. Land Records.

<sup>6</sup>Deed 1072/405,"

" " 1107/195,"

<sup>7</sup>Deed 5553/127,"

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:33-11

Mont. Co. Land Records  
Mont. Co. Hist. Soc. Genealogy Files  
1880 Census  
Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Asses. Bks.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 141,722 sq. ft.

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| state | code | county | code |
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawfordorganization M.C. Hist. Preservation Comm. date 1/83

street &amp; number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Rockville state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

|   |                                     |   |  |  |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>1. NAME</b>  |                                     |   |  |  |
| COMMON:   |                                     |   |  |  |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:<br>McCeney House   |                                     |   |  |  |
| <b>2. LOCATION</b>  |                                     |   |  |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>700 McCeney Avenue  |                                     |   |  |  |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Silver Spring  |                                     |   |  |  |
| STATE:<br>Maryland  |                                     | COUNTY:<br>Montgomery   |  |  |
| <b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>  |                                     |   |  |  |
| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   |                                     | OWNERSHIP   |  | STATUS   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object |                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work<br>in progress |
|   |                                     | Public Acquisition:<br><input type="checkbox"/> In Process<br><input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered         |  | ACCESSIBLE<br>TO THE PUBLIC  |
|   |                                     |   |  | Yes:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                   |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)  |                                     |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural   | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial   | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational  | <input type="checkbox"/> Military   | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment  | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum     | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific   |  |  |
| <b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>   |                                     |   |  |  |
| OWNER'S NAME:<br>M.K. Betters   |                                     |   |  |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>700 McCeney Avenue  |                                     |   |  |  |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Silver Spring  |                                     | STATE:<br>Maryland  |  |  |
| <b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>   |                                     |   |  |  |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:<br>Montgomery County Courthouse   |                                     |   |  |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:  |                                     |   |  |  |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Rockville  |                                     | STATE:<br>Maryland  |  |  |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):   |                                     |   |  |  |
| <b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>  |                                     |   |  |  |
| TITLE OF SURVEY:  |                                     |   |  |  |
| DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local  |                                     |   |  |  |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  |                                     |   |  |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:  |                                     |   |  |  |
| CITY OR TOWN:   |                                     | STATE:  |  |  |

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

|           |   |                                    |                                |   |                                |                                    |
|-----------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CONDITION | (Check One)                                   |                                    |                                |   |                                |                                    |
|           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair  | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
|           | (Check One)                                   |                                    |                                | (Check One)                                       |                                |                                    |
|           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered   | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |                                |                                    |

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | losophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Said to be 100 years old, this was the home of the McCeney family, who were much involved in agriculture and political activities in Montgomery County from the late 1800's into the mid-20th century.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | OR | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                         |  |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|----|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER   | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |    | LATITUDE  | LONGITUDE               |  |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY:

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| NAME AND TITLE:<br>Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian |                   |
| ORGANIZATION<br>M-NCPPC                                    | DATE<br>8/20/75   |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>8787 Georgia Ave.                    |                   |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Silver Spring                             | STATE<br>Maryland |

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated June 12, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on the Locational Atlas will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition.

Site No.

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| 10/2    |                 | 23/70        |
| 10/9    |                 | 23/98-1      |
| 10/11   |                 | 24/12        |
| 10/22   |                 | 24/14        |
| 10/25   |                 | 24/15        |
| 10/54   | <u>Site No.</u> | 25/1         |
| 10/71   |                 | 25/10-1      |
| 10/73   | 15/68           | 27/5         |
|         | 15/69           | 27/7         |
| 10/74   | 16/19           |              |
| 11/8    | *17/4           | *27/11       |
| 12/14-1 | 17/55           | *27/13       |
| 12/16   | 18/1            | 28/15        |
| 12/26   | 18/9            | 28/26        |
|         | 18/22           | 30/3         |
| 13/15   | 18/27           | 30/7         |
| 13/16   | 18/29-1         | 30/9         |
| 13/28   | 19/8            | 30/15        |
| 13/32   | 19/18           | 30/17        |
|         | 19/20           | 30/19        |
| 14/1    | 20/6            | 31/9         |
| 14/15   | 20/14           | 33/3         |
| 14/18   | 20/27           | 33/5         |
| 14/19   | 22/5            | <u>33/11</u> |
| 14/23   | 22/6-1          | *34/1        |
| 14/30   | 22/18           | *34/9        |
| 14/31   | 22/21           |              |
| 14/40   | 22/22           |              |
| 14/48   | 22/23           |              |
| 14/54   | 22/24           |              |
| 15/10   | 23/13           |              |
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| *15/62  |                 |              |

Site No.

35/6  
36/9  
\*37/4

\*Recommended for designation by the Mont. Co. Historic Preservation Commission.

\*\*These sites were previously considered by the County Council and found not to warrant regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. They are listed here to bring the functional Master Plan in conformance with Council's actions.



NAME M. # 33-11 MCCENEY HOUSE

LOCATION MCCENEY AVE (BURNT MILLS) SILVER SPRING, MD

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PHOTO TAKEN 8/20/75 MDWYER